
CPI Competition Policy Institute

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Debra Berlyn co-founded the Competition Policy Institute (CPI) in April, 1996 and serves as Executive Director. CPI is an independent, non-profit organization that advocates federal and state policies to promote competition to telecommunications and energy markets in ways that benefit consumers. As Executive Director, Debra manages the execution of CPI's advocacy, research and coalition building activities and works with the CPI senior staff to develop CPI's policy positions.

Debra has represented CPI on numerous panel discussions held by national organizations and federal agencies. She also works closely with the consumer and industry community to communicate the policy positions of the organization.

Immediately prior to creating CPI, Debra served as the Executive Director of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA). Debra was responsible for overall management of the Association and served as the liaison with federal agencies and Congress on all utility issues, with a major focus on national telecommunications and energy policy.

Prior to her position with NASUCA, Debra worked for several public interest organizations, developing grassroots lobbying programs and campaigns. Debra currently serves as a faculty instructor with Boston University's Washington Program. Her classes focus on shaping public policy and current national issues. She received a B.A. from the American University and a M.A. from Northwestern University.